

**MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2010
7:30P.M.**

1. OPENING

1.1.1 Call to Order

Council President Gatling called the meeting to order at 7:25p.m.

1.1.2 Roll Call

Present: Councilmember Latasha Gatling, Mayor Eugene Grant, Councilmember Darrell Hardy, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Gerald R. Raynor, Sr., Councilmember Elenora Simms, Councilmember Aretha Stephenson, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin

Staff: Robert Ashton, Acting City Administrator, Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk

1.1.3 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:

The invocation was given by Mayor Grant.

1.1.4. Approval of Agenda

It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

2. PRESENTATIONS:

- None

3. LEGISLATION:

- None

4. MEETING TOPICS:

4.1.1. Approval to Hire Mayor's Contract Position

- Mayor Grant presented the City Council with a written proposal regarding filling the contract position of Special Assistant to the Mayor. He explained to the Council the job function of the Special Assistant

- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to approve the hiring of the Special Assistant to the Mayor. The motion carried.

FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

4.1.2. Maryland Clean Energy Center & Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation

- Council President Gatling requested the City Council and Mayor to review the e-mail request Koko Barnes, Executive Director of Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation dated Saturday, January 23, 2010 regarding the Maryland Clean Energy Center Program, which is a new green initiative. Ms. Barnes has requested that City Council allow her to represent the City of Seat Pleasant.
- Council President Gatling asked the Council how would like to move on the request. The Council had several concerns regarding the Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation capacity to handle the project.
- Councilman Porter stated that he would like to see if the City could pursue the opportunities by inquiring on the program.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to deny the request of the Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation to represent the City of Seat Pleasant with the Maryland Clean Energy Center Program. The motion carried.

FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin

AGAINST: None

ABSTAIN: None

- Councilman Yeargin stated the City Clerk to send a written letter to Ms. Barnes informing her of the Council decision.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

5.1.1. Seat Pleasant Vehicles/Gas Cards

- Council President Gatling asked the City Council to state their concerns regarding the vehicles and gas cards.
- Councilwoman Simms stated that there was a lot of discussion and now is the opportunity to ask the Mayor any questions.
- Councilmember Hardy stated that the Council was informed that the vehicle being driven by Mayor Grant equipped with Police lighting is illegal.
- Mayor Grant stated that the Council was misinformed regarding the matter.

- Councilman Yeargin asked if he was given a gas card to the new gas card system in the Public Works Department. Mayor Grant stated he was provided with a card. It was stated that the City doesn't have policy regarding the use of vehicles.

5.1.2. City Charter& Code Review Schedule (Select Dates of Availability for Friday & Saturday)

- The Council was informed that the University of Maryland doesn't have the capacity to hold Saturday meetings at their facility.
- Maryland Municipal League will allow the use their conference room for a \$200 for four (4) hours of use. The fee includes a staff person facilitating the meeting.
- The Council provided dates for February and March to schedule the review of the charter.
- Council President Gatling requested Dashaun Lanham, City Clerk to verify the dates of availability.

5.1.3. Seat Pleasant Community Development Corporation Loan Request

- The City Council reviewed the e-mail and written letter from Koko Barnes regarding the request for the Jack Johnson, County Executive requesting his assistance in getting the monies that have been due to them under the CHDO HOME program.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Hardy and seconded by Councilmember Raynor to deny the SPCDC Loan request.
FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None

5.1.4. Review Feggans Center Proposal/Request by Mayor Grant

- Council President Gatling asked the Council to review the letter presented by Mayor Grant.
- Council President Gatling stated that she would like the two Councilmember's and the City Treasurer should be involved in the process.
- It was motioned by Councilmember Yeargin and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to approve the Feggans Center proposal by Mayor Grant with two to three Councilmember's, the City Administrator and have the breakdown of the cost from two firms. The motion carried
FOR: Gatling, Hardy, Porter, Raynor, Simms, Stephenson and Yeargin

5.1.5. Review City Administrator Resumes (Separate Package)

- Council President Gatling recommended that this item be tabled until Regular Work Session. The Council unanimously agreed.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

6.1.1. Regular Work Session, Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00p.m., Council Chambers

ADJOURN-It was motioned by Councilmember Simms and seconded by Councilmember Hardy to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:29p.m.

Submitted by,

Dashaun N. Lanham
City Clerk